IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

John Liu et al

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For High Toughness Plate Alloy for Aerospace Applications

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2000 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 5, between line 9 and line 10, insert the following:

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-- Typically, cold or other working may be employed which produces

working effect similar to (or substantially, i.e. approximately, equivalent to) that which would be imparted by stretching at room temperature in the range of about ½% or 1% or 1½% to 2% or up to 4 or 6% or 8% of the products original length. Stretching or other

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